

APPROVED MINUTES
HIGHER EDUCATION RESEARCH COUNCIL MEETING
March 6, 2001
LBJ Building, Boise, ID - Room 324 / 11:30 pm – 11:45 pm

Present:

Darrell Manning, Chair	Richard Bowen	Chuck Ruch	Dennis Stevens
Ron Bitner	Bob Hoover	Niel Zimmerman	Lynn Humphrey

Absent: Bill Shipp John Huffman Robin Dodson

I. Minutes of December 5, 2000

MSC(Hoover/Ruch): To approve the minutes of February 6, 2001.

II. Results of RCGP Mail Review

Ms. Lynn Humphrey explained to the Council that in accordance with HERC policy five (5) peer reviewers approved by the HERC evaluated each proposal submitted to the FY02 Research Center Grant Program. The lowest of the 5 scores was dropped and the remaining 4 scores were averaged to determine a final score.

HERC program guidelines state that the three top-ranking proposals from the stage one (1) mail review and approved by HERC will advance to an on-site visit by a review panel consisting of three peer reviewers from the first stage (one per project) and four research administrators.

The highest-ranking proposal received a final score of 9.38 and the second highest-ranking proposal received a final score of 9.00. The issue is that three (3) proposals have all earned the same score of 8.75, resulting in a three-way tie for the 3rd spot. HERC has no mechanism in place to break a tie so members must decide which proposals will advance to the stage two (2) on-site evaluation to be held the week of April 30, 2001.

Board staff presented some options that were briefly discussed by the Council.

MSC(Zimmerman/Hoover): To approve the inclusion of the 5th and lowest score that was dropped in the calculations to determine which of the three proposals tied for 3rd place will advance to the stage 2 site review.

At the conclusion of the vote, Ms. Humphrey distributed score reports that summarized the final results of the FY 02 RCGP mail review and identified the three top scoring proposal to advance to the on-site evaluation as follows:

1. Northwest Information Assurance Research Partnership, UI
2. Idaho Accelerator Center, ISU
3. The Center for Biogeochemical Systems Research, UI

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.